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December 4, 1919.

H. Liebes Company,  
Post St.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. W. B. Van Valin, who has recently returned from Point Barrow, tells me you can give me some idea of the time taken for mail to reach the United States from Point Barrow. Our Board is contemplating placing a hospital there next summer. The boat that brought Prof. Van Valin out carried in a letter to our missionary Dr. Spence, asking him for suggestions as to plans and details for the hospital. Our fear now is that we will not hear from him in time to get the material ready for shipment next summer. Prof. Van Valin says a letter will start from Point Barrow to the States November 1st, but he does not know what the probable date of its arrival is. Can you tell us?

Thanking you in advance, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES



December 17, 1919.

Captain John Backland,  
349 Kinnear Place,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Captain Backland:

Mr. Banks has just shown me your letter of the 8th. The situation with reference to Point Barrow hospital is this:

I have been pushing the matter with the Government agency as hard as I can since my return. Only last Friday I learned that the Bureau of Education has made provision for a hospital at Point Barrow in its estimate for 1920. The Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of Congress told me, however, that it is very doubtful if the Bureau will get an appropriation for this purpose. If it does it will not be available until after July 1st. I made arrangement with the Commissioner of Education that in case our Board built the hospital and the Government wanted it we would turn it over to the Government at cost. This leaves the way for us to proceed next summer. We are delayed, however, by the failure of the Bear to reach Point Barrow and thereby secure accurate data as to the size, equipment, etc. of the hospital. At Nome I wrote Dr. Spence a letter asking him to send us complete information as to what is needed. The letter was taken by a trading vessel commanded by Captain Whitlam. I learned that Whitlam touched at Point Barrow and delivered the letter. When he came away he brought a Mr. Van Valen of Philadelphia out with him. I met Mr. Van Valen ten days ago and he told me that Dr. Spence had received the letter and that I ought to have a reply from him by February 1st.

Our idea is to have the hospital made here ready to be put together when it reaches Point Barrow without further preparation. Just as soon as we hear from Dr. Spence as to what he wants we will begin.

Let me say that our Board would rather have you take charge of the transportation of the hospital and all of our supplies than anybody else. It is possible that I may go up next summer with the load if it can be arranged. I do not, however, want to depend on the Bear another season.

I would like to hear from you just as soon as you receive this about whether or not you will go to the Arctic next summer. If you do I would want to go along.

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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December 13, 1919.

Hon. P. P. Claxton,  
Commissioner of Education,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Claxton:

Reviewing our conversation of yesterday, permit me to state my understanding of it.

First: In regard to a hospital at Point Barrow, you stated that you had included \$27,500 in your estimate for that purpose. In case Congress does not approve your asking, or reduces it to a point that makes the erection of a hospital next summer impossible, then our Board is free to undertake it.

It was also my understanding that in case our Board does erect a hospital next summer, it will do so in conference with Mr. Lopp, and is ready to adopt his plans and erect it at a cost not to exceed his estimate.

It is still further understood that in case the Government is ready at any time in the future to appropriate money sufficient to take over the hospital, our Board will transfer it.

You inquired also if our Board would manage the hospital for a year in case the Government would appropriate money for its erection, but not for its maintenance. I replied that it would.

It was also my understanding that in case the Government would give your department money you would erect a wireless station at Point Barrow and St. Lawrence Island.

It was also my understanding that in case the Government furnished you funds to maintain the boats turned over to you by the Navy, you would allow the Mission Boards to use any available space for the transportation of their supplies at a reasonable rate.

After leaving you I lunched with Mr. Good and went over the whole situation with him again. His attitude was not encouraging. He would like to do something for the situation in Alaska, but he says that there will probably be a paring down all round this year. The various departments of the Government have already made application for something like \$5,500,000,000 for next year. His committee is determined that they shall be pared to not more than \$4,000,000,000. He gave me to understand that you would be very fortunate if you did not have the amount you received last year pared down. I fear he will cut out everything in the way of new work.

Furthermore, he said that the part of the bill in which you are concerned would not come up for hearing until May and that money would not be available until July 1st. This I suspect will estop your Bureau doing anything this year.

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I shall be glad to hear from you as to your understanding of the matter, and I assure you again that anything we can do to cooperate will be most cheerfully done.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

P. S. When I told Mr. Good about the cost of the wireless stations he said that a small matter like that could be easily taken care of, and that he would see to it.



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THE COMMONWEALTH FUND

1 EAST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK

December 19, 1919.

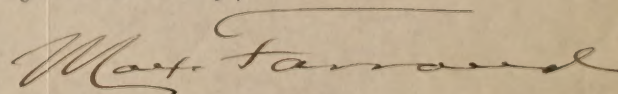
Dear Dr. Marquis,

Some little time ago, there came before The Commonwealth Fund a project of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions to establish hospitals for Eskimos. This lies outside of the scope of activities recently determined by the Directors for the immediate future, but the matter was of so much importance that the Directors have appropriated \$25,000. for the building of a hospital at Point Barrow, in accordance with the plan outlined by you to our representative on October 14. This plan included a physician's residence and a training school for native nurses.

Although our general ruling is that such appropriations are "payable in instalments at the discretion of the Directors", it means that this amount is now available for this specific purpose and payments will be made as they may be needed, as soon as we can come to an understanding with you as to the details.

As soon as your plans are sufficiently advanced to warrant our consideration of them, I should be glad to take this matter up with you.

Yours very sincerely,

  
General Director.

Dr. John A. Marquis,  
156 -5th Ave.,  
New York City.

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December 23, 1919.

Mr. Max Farrand,  
General Director,  
The Commonwealth Fund,  
1 East 57th Street, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Farrand:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 19th relative to the gift of \$25,000 by your fund for the erection of a hospital building at Point Barrow, Alaska. Our Board deeply appreciates your interest and generosity.

We are drawing plans for the hospital and as soon as the architect has them completed I ask the privilege of submitting them to you.

Very truly yours,

JAM:ES

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December 20, 1919.

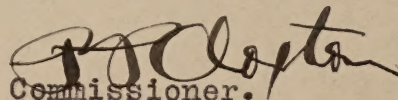
Dr. John A. Marquis,  
Board of Home Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

Your letter of December 19 is just received. I am delighted to know that you have in sight the money to build the hospital at Point Barrow. I will, as I promised you, refer the whole matter to Mr. Lopp, with the understanding, of course, that he will simply co-operate in any way he can. If, later, it should be possible for us to take the hospital, proper arrangements can then be made.

I am asking Mr. Lopp for suggestions in regard to the construction of the hospital and will write you again when I hear from him.

Yours sincerely,

  
Commissioner.

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WASHINGTON

December 23, 1919.

Doctor John A. Marquis,  
General Secretary, The Board  
of Home Missions of the Presbyterian  
Church in the United States,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Marquis:

I have carefully considered your letter of December 13, submitting your understanding of our conversation with reference to cooperation between the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church and the Bureau of Education.

The several statements contained in your letter express my understanding of our agreements, with the exception that it is my understanding that if the Board of Home Missions erects the hospital at Point Barrow the Bureau would manage the hospital for a year, provided that the amount appropriated by Congress for the support of the medical work of the Bureau of Education in Alaska is sufficient to make such action possible.

I am sorry that the prospect of securing vessels from the Navy Department is not as favorable now as it was when you were here. An inspection of two vessels under consideration has shown that they are not adapted for the work of the Bureau of Education in Alaska. However, we have not given up hope of obtaining suitable vessels. If vessels are secured, the Bureau will allow the Mission Boards to use any available space for the transportation of their supplies at a reasonable rate, if such action is found to be legitimate.

Assuring you of my hearty appreciation of your interest and cooperation, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Commissioner.



GENERAL SECRETARY.

December 19, 1919.

Hon. P. P. Claxton,  
Commissioner of Education,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Claxton:

I have just been notified by a man in New York City, who does not desire his name to be used, that he will give our Board \$25,000 for the erection of a hospital at Point Barrow. This gift came unexpectedly to us, but it will relieve the situation.

Our Board can now proceed to the erection of the hospital next summer, and then in case the Government should desire to take it over, I will do my best to get the consent of the donor and the transfer<sup>al</sup> of his money to some other point in northwestern Alaska. What his attitude, of course, would be on the matter I have no knowledge. But I do not think it wise to refer the question to him now. His mind was turned in this direction by an address I made when he was present, although I had not met him, and have not yet.

I should be glad if you would give me any suggestions your department may have as to the construction of such a hospital.

Very truly yours,

JAM:ES

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December 26, 1919.

Hon. P. P. Claxton,  
U. S. Bureau of Education,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Claxton:

Thanks for your letter which is just received confirming our conversation of recent date.

In regard to the maintenance of the Point Barrow Hospital next year, permit me to ask if it would not be better to let it remain for a while under the care of our Board on account of the fact that we already have a physician there, a dispensary and other medical equipment? Furthermore, if I understood correctly, your appropriation will not be available until after July 1st which will be too late to get supplies, a nurse, etc. to Point Barrow. I feel that in order to secure a nurse we will need to make an engagement soon. In view of the uncertainty of your appropriation the surest method would seem to be for us to go ahead for this next year and then when you know what you can depend upon, take up the matter of the future as per our conversation.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Very sincerely yours

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December 22, 1919

Rev. John A. Marquis,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 16th with reference to freight for your Pt. Barrow Mission. I am the same Pedersen, who has commanded the "Herman" for the last five years and will sail from here in the said vessel on or about April 1st for the Arctic Ocean, as far east as Banks Land.

Our other vessel the "Allen A" will carry all our Pt. Barrow Station's freight and will sail from here on or about May 15th, going direct to Pt. Barrow.

We have had several inquiries for freight to go north this spring and would suggest that you reserve sufficient space at your earliest convenience.

I do not know of any other vessel making the trip as far as Barrow, except the Hudson's Bay Company's little gas steamer and she is chartered to carry the said company's freight only.

We can quote you the same rate as we are charging our Pt. Barrow Trading Station - i.e. \$35.00 per ton for general merchandise, weight or measurement, at ship's option, goods to be delivered at ship's tackle at Barrow. The best rate we can give you on lumber is \$50.00 per thousand feet, as it is very slow handling. The lighterage at Pt. Barrow from ship to shore will not amount to much, as your Dr. Spence will be able to obtain as many boats and natives as he desires

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in order to land your goods for the hospital.

The rate from San Francisco to Nome is \$25.50 per ton and there is several dollars per ton lighterage charged at Nome for taking the goods off from shore to ship again. Two years ago they quoted us a rate on freight from Nome to Pt. Barrow at \$35.00 per ton, so you can readily understand you would make a great saving in having your freight shipped from San Francisco to Pt. Barrow on our vessel.

Wishing you the compliments of the season and hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours sincerely,

A. J. Pedersen

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THE COMMONWEALTH FUND

1 EAST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK

MAX FARRAND, GENERAL DIRECTOR

SAMUEL C. FAIRLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

January 3, 1920

My dear Dr. Marquis:

I am very glad you called our attention in your letter of Dec. 30th to the fact that the original appropriation of \$25,000. made by The Commonwealth Fund to the Eskimo Hospital project had never been paid.

This indeed is a curious oversight and, perhaps, is partly explainable by the fact that you have never made any official request for it; but, of course, the payment of the second appropriation makes necessary no further information on your part, and on Dec. 31st I started the wheels in motion for the sending of the original check.

Yours very sincerely,

*Samuel C. Fairley*

John A. Marquis, Esq.,  
Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
N. Y. City.

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BIBLE HOUSE, CRISTOBAL, C. Z., April 20, 1920

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer;-

I am addressing you at this time simply because I do not know the proper person to whom to address this communication. Will you kindly see that it gets into the hands of the right person.

My daughter Miss May O. Jordan, at present at the Brooklyn Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y., writes me that she has been accepted by the Presbyterian Board for the work in Point Barrow, Alaska.

Had I my life to live over again I should study medicine as I look upon the medical missionary work as of the highest importance and am glad indeed to learn that my daughter has decided to go to the mission field. The only question in my mind is as to whether she is adapted constitutionally to the work in Alaska. I trust your examiner will go into that quite thoroughly before deciding definitely to send her.

I think she has ~~the~~ initiative and latent executive ability but have never thought her constitutionally strong. Her mother died of consumption at the age of forty and for a long time we feared May might have contracted the disease from her mother. While she was in her teens she used to be troubled with severe coughing spells every winter. She seems, however, to have outgrown these and I have not heard of her having a bad cough for some years.

I had hoped she might find work in some warm dry climate. I have no objection whatever to her going to Alaska if that is the proper place for her but the appointment is so far removed from anything that we had ever thought of, for her, that we would like to be sure the decision is not made too hastily and would be glad if your examining board would take particular pains to find out if she is physically fit and constitutionally adapted to life in the Arctic Circle before sending her out.

Please do not misunderstand me. She has been given to the Lord and I want her to go wherever He may call. I only desire that every precaution be taken to make sure of His will in the matter.

Praying for you Divine wisdom in this and all other matters pertaining to your most important work I remain,

Yours in the Master,

W. F. Jordan

Agency Secretary.

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*Would you be so kind as to send me any literature that you may have re. the work in Pt Barrow. I know practically nothing about it. - MJS*



Martinville, Quebec, Canada,

May 13, 1920.

Dr. Marquis,  
Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,  
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

Your letter of May 8th has  
just reached me.

With reference to my father's  
attitude, all I can say is I am  
exceedingly sorry that he feels  
as he does about my going to  
Barrow. Expected he would be



surprised but did not expect he would feel at all as he does. Could I but talk with him I'm confident he would see things as they are. As it is I'm trying to convince him by letter that I am safer with Polar bears and  $70^{\circ}$  below than I would be fighting tropical epidemics. It is rather much of a shock to Daddy, but I think he will survive it and never regret my going to Barrow.

As to my health it never has been better than now. Dr. Hamblen gave me a thorough examination before pronouncing me physically fit. I am preparing for the cold and shall probably enjoy even that in Eskimo skin garments over light warm woollens and home knit stockings etc.

I am still perfectly willing to start out this June. Do you still want to send me? I imagine there will be plenty of work to do in Barrow with no hospital there.

Frankly, I did not expect that hospital to be built this year from the



first. Still more frankly, I'll be very much surprised if it is completed during the two working months, a year from this summer. However, I really do hope to see it finished before I come home four years hence.

What is the capacity of Dr. Spence's house? Has Dr. Spence any children? Where are Mr. and Mrs. Eide and three children going to live? Is Dr. Spence's house large enough to accommodate all of us without over crowding enough to endanger our health?



Are the food provisions being taken care of for all of us? Several times you've spoken of potatoes being sent up. The more I think of potatoes being shipped to Barrow the more practical rice seems to me as it has about the same food value as potato, and there is no danger of rice freezing and it would be no waste, less bulk, and more food. Personally, I'd much rather take a chance on rice for a carbohydrate food for steady diet than potatoes.

When are we to leave Seattle? Is it likely to be the middle or last of June or first of July?

Again let me say I still want to go to Barrow if you still want to send me and if you have food and some kind of housing accommodations for me when I get there.

Most sincerely yours,  
May Olive Jordan.



May 7, 1920.

Rev. W. F. Jordan, D. D.,  
Bible House,  
Cristobal,  
Canal Zone.

My dear Mr. Jordan:

Our mutual friend Dr. Speer has just handed me your letter to him with reference to your daughter. When she applied for the position at Point Barrow I painted the hard conditions, climatic and otherwise, there, in as frightful colors as I could, but I found that the worse I made the picture the more it attracted her. I insisted on her having a thorough examination by a competent physician with a view to her ability to stand the rigors of that Northern climate. The doctor gave her a clean bill of health and stated that in his judgment she was well able to go to Point Barrow.

I think it is only fair to you to say that our missionaries seem to stand the cold climate of Alaska better than they do the tropical climates of Cuba and Porto Rico. The cold weather seems to be helpful, especially in tubercular cases, although the doctor pronounced your daughter free of trouble of any sort. Whilst the climate is hard on account of the cold and the wind, nevertheless it has less disease possibilities than our climate here.

Permit me to say also that I was much impressed with the devotion and earnestness of your daughter. She has already gone to Canada to visit her grandmother preparatory to starting for Seattle en route to Point Barrow.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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May 8, 1920.

Miss Olive Jordan,  
The Brooklyn Hospital,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Miss Jordan:

I enclose copy of a letter which has just come to me, through Dr. Speer, from your father, in which he expresses his doubts about your physical ability to stand the strain of the Point Barrow climate. You can see that he is glad that you are giving yourself to mission work.

We do not have your Canadian address, but I am so anxious that you should know what your father's counsel is that I am sending this to your Brooklyn address immediately in the hope that it can be forwarded to you.

Permit me to say, first, that should you feel, in view of your father's attitude, that you would prefer to cancel your engagement with us we will understand the matter perfectly. Or should you prefer to remain in this country for a year and go up the following summer, it will be equally satisfactory. There is an additional reason for this in the fact that the hospital will not be ready for you until late, and if we are delayed getting it up there it may be left unfinished during the entire winter, thus giving you no facilities to work with. We are having some trouble getting satisfactory shipping arrangements and I have just learned this morning that the Olga can only carry 175 tons, which means that it will have to take two trips from Teller to Point Barrow. The second trip will be so late that in case it makes it at all very little working time will be left between its second arrival and the onset of winter.

Should you care to change your arrangements to next summer, or relinquish them altogether, we will take care of your additional expense in getting to Canada and back. This would only defer your going until next summer. Whilst we leave this decision to you, personally I would feel more comfortable about you were you to decide to remain in this country until the hospital is surely ready for you. We will hold the plans open for you another year. I dread to think of you alone in that climate with no certain place of abode while the hospital is in process of erection, especially should that erection be delayed on account of an early winter.

Will you please let me know your mind immediately on receipt of this.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES



May 20, 1920.

Miss May Olive Jordan,  
Martinville,  
Quebec, Canada.

My dear Miss Jordan:

Your letter of the 13th instant to Dr. Marquis has been received, and I am writing you at his request as he has been ill for a few days and, therefore, unable to be in the office.

Dr. Marquis wishes me to assure you that the Board still desires you to go to Point Barrow, their only hesitancy being on account of your health and comfort.

Dr. Spence occupies a house that will be large enough to accommodate you until the hospital is ready. Mr. and Mrs. Eide will find accommodations. Mrs. Eide being an Eskimo. they will have friends there.

Any further information regarding Point Barrow Dr. Marquis will be glad to give you when he returns to the office.

Very truly yours,

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Martinville, Quebec, Canada,

May 24, 1920.

Dr. Marquis,  
Presbyterian Board,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

Some time ago you spoke  
of sending a second nurse to  
Barrow if one could be found.  
At that time I knew of no one  
at all, nurse or not a nurse.



who would consider going so far North. I had thought that a capable girl might be found whom I could train as my assistant. I wrote Miss Shaw, my Northfield chum all about my plans and Barrow, as much as I know about it.

Here is a copy of part of a letter Miss Shaw has just written me "Pettie Jensen, my companion really wants to go to Pt. Barrow if the conditions are at all agreeable. The following information is for you and the board.

The first requirement that I think is necessary on a mission field, she possesses — she is easy to get along with, agreeable to live with.

She is a Danish girl, spiritual, but not well educated. She finished the grammar grades in a country school in Kansas. Then she was a practical nurse for a number of years for a doctor in Indiana. She attended our Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago for two years, taking the

course for foreign speaking students. She has been a missionary in the Scandinavian Churches of North Dakota for four or five years, until she came out here this fall. She likes nursing and has always wanted to take hospital training. She says she will not accept the position if she is to go to do the house-work, but if she can be in nurse work and be getting the training - wire her and she will go."

I would be glad to take a chance on making a first class



assistant out of Miss Jensen in  
case you wish to send her to  
Barrow. In case you do not  
see fit to send her to Barrow  
you may possibly have some  
other place she may fit in.  
Her address is Crow Indian  
Mission, Chivers, Hall, Lodge  
Grass, Montana.

Do you know anything more  
about when we are supposed to  
leave Seattle? Whether it will be

the middle or last of June? I've written  
Eides but have not heard as yet.

Most sincerely yours.

May Olive Jordan.



May 28, 1920.

Miss May Olive Jordan,  
Martinville,  
Quebec, Canada.

My dear Miss Jordan:

Your letter of the 24th is just here. It would not be wise to send an additional nurse to Point Barrow at least until the hospital is completed. You know I have been concerned about you there before the building is erected, or fit for habitation, and I would not want to have another stranded young lady on my conscience in that inhospitable region. I appreciate your calling attention to your friend, however and will keep your letter on file in case an opening occurs.

Mr. W. T. Lopp, the Commissioner of Education at Alaska, thinks there is more need of you at Cape Prince of Wales than at Point Barrow this first year. I am not sure that I agree with him, but am writing to ask what you think about staying at Cape Prince of Wales for the first winter, which would give time for the completion of the hospital before going to Point Barrow.

We have no further news in regard to the date of sailing from Seattle and will not have until Mr. Gould, our representative there, who has been at the General Assembly in Philadelphia, returns to his home. Then we will know definitely.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

April 6, 1920.

MEMORANDUM TO DR. MARQUIS:

Miss Jordan has signified her willingness to become head nurse at Point Barrow Hospital. I told her that I would ask you to write to her to-day a letter confirming her appointment, including the following items:

1. Salary to be \$900.00 per year plus travel and maintenance.
2. Five years of service, the fifth year to be spent in this country in some way which will be mutually agreeable and beneficial to Miss Jordan and the Board.
3. I told Miss Jordan that we would do something toward providing her equipment such as the special woolen uniform she will need and any other special clothing she ought to have according to the climate. I did not promise Miss Jordan that we would pay for all of this but I think it would be very fine if the Board could do so. Miss Jordan has only \$100 on hand and she must finish her nurse's course and make a visit to a relative in Canada before starting. Naturally, she won't have much money left. While she is in Point Barrow she expects to be saving money to help her brothers and sisters through college. I hope, therefore, that we can be generous.
4. She is to have her way paid from New York to Seattle by the most direct route. Her salary should begin upon the day of her leaving New York for Seattle.

Will you be good enough to write this letter to her as soon as you can so that she may not be kept waiting? She is a mighty brave girl to tackle this proposition and I think we want to show her every possible kindness.

You may probably want to make an appointment with her to have at least one more talk about Alaska before she starts. It might be well, therefore, to name a date for such an appointment when you write to her.

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E. F. E.



Copy sent to Mr. Gould.

June 3, 1920.

Miss May O. Jordan,  
Martinville, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Miss Jordan:-

Replying to your letter of the 26th ult. I find that you are expected to sail on the steamship "Victoria", which leaves Seattle July 1st. Dr. Condit, our general missionary, was in the office yesterday, and expects to go north with you and the Rice family.

I had a conference with Mr. Gould in Philadelphia a week ago, where I was attending the conferences of the General Assembly, Mr. Gould being a commissioner, and he confirmed my statement to you when you were at this office that supplies for your personal needs, especially in the line of furs, could be much better purchased in Seattle than elsewhere. In fact, Mr. Gould recommends that the major part of your personal requirements be purchased in Seattle, rather than in the East.

Mr. Gould, whose address is 624 Leary Building, Seattle, Wash., will gladly give you every assistance in his power in the way of advice and directions. He is given full authority to represent the Board in all matters concerning the Barrow mission, and after consulting with him you will know what sum you will need before leaving Seattle. Mr. Gould will arrange to secure the required sum.

I beg to enclose check to your order for \$ 200.00, as requested, as an additional advance on account.

I am writing Mr. Gould by this mail, giving him your address, so that he may have opportunity to communicate with you on anything he may have to say before you start on your westward trip. I should think that if you so arrange your trip as to arrive in Seattle about the 28th instant, it will give you sufficient time to attend to your personal affairs before the date of sailing. If this is not sufficient time Mr. Gould will advise you, as I am sending him a copy of this letter, so that he may know just what has been written you, and may either confirm or amend anything that I may have said to you.

You may therefore expect to hear from Mr. Gould before you leave Canada, either in the way of a letter or a telegram. I doubt, however, if the latter will be necessary, as there would seem to be ample time for a letter to reach you from Mr. Gould.

Yours sincerely,

KNC.  
VB/EK.

Assistant Treasurer.



COPY

Barrow, Alaska,

Sept. 12, 1920.

Mr. J. A. Gould,

724 Leary Bldg., Seattle.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Will write you a few lines as this will probably be the last mail for some time. We have the main building 38 - 0 X 70 - 0 frame complete with the upper joist put in place yesterday, the basement all boarded up to first floor line with one course tongued & grooved flooring, the first floor complete with the first floor lining the chimney about 2 - 0 feet above first floor. Mr. Eide is making good job of the brick work and no trowel to work with except one he made out of a hoe. We have 13 natives working, paying them \$3.00 per day 10 hours from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. and giving them a meal at noon time which takes about one hour. We have to do this in order to keep them together and give them a warm meal. Some of them come in the morning without breakfast. They are very poor and I do not think our mission is doing enough along the line of improving their living conditions. I would say not quite so much Church, but try and make them more comfortable. Have them to clean up, take a few more baths and wash their clothing at least once before it is worn out, get out of these miserable dirt igloos and live a little more like white people. I believe Mr. and Mrs. Gram of the school are doing a good work along that line. But they do not have the supplies of the Mission here. Mr. Gram brought over \$2100.00 worth of flour, sugar, tea and baking powder from the Cutler Bear, strictly a native store, run without profit only for the natives and selling much lower than the traders store where we are doing business. According to instructions Dr. Spence and I made this arrangement with Mr. Brower and I give the men a slip calling for so much money and they have to take it in trade. Many of them have asked me if they could go to Mr. Gram and trade with him. I have told all that under the present arrangement Mr. Gram could not take them and they go away much disappointed. I believe that if these natives were dealt with as they should be they would not all be in debt to Mr. Brower as they are now except one. As Dr. Spence told me his name is Ling John and he is working for me and Mr. Brower and Dr. Spence both say he is an agitator. Well, I say God bless him. I wish there were a few more agitators. His work is satisfactory to me. In fact these natives can do very satisfactory work, far beyond what I expected. They are very slow but after being shown they are good imitators. If we have two more weeks good weather we will have the roof on and I will put everything under cover. We are getting along fine and are pleased the way everything is going. We have comfortable quarters in one room in the attic of the school building and cooking on the little laundry stove bought for the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Eide have a very comfortable house and getting along well. Mrs. Eide is well liked by the natives and I am sure she will do a good work for her people and especially in getting them to clean up.

I believe I told you in my last letter the basement is nearly all above ground. The building site has a slope of about 3 feet which is of some advantage for the basement as I can only excavate about 16" on the high side of the ground to merely make it level will only finish 12 feet wide in center of building for the heating and light plant. will be 6' - 0" in height and will enclose this part separate to make it warmer. We put the concrete piers down in the ice about 18 to 20 inches. Those on the lower side were 2 feet deep. Mr. Brower says that is fine and will stand. If you wish to send special word Mr. Lepp can give you information how to reach here. We are all well. Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Sincerely,

(signed) M. A. BROWN.



COPY

Barrow, Alaska,

Sept. 25, 1920.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Since writing my last letter I have the building enclosed roof all on and have taken all the material inside. We had to sweep off snow and shake off the ice sometimes but the weather on yesterday was favorable 34 above so that now we have everything in good shape for the winter's work. Will put in foundation at once (if weather permits) for the wing and put on the sills and leave that part of the work until next season. As it would be late in the season before we could excavate for the concrete piers. Will not make the wing as large as plans call for as we will have plenty of room in basement for all the fuel and will not need as much room. Will send you full description in my next as the building now stands and cost for help to date could not ask for anything better. God has favored us in the weather.

Hurriedly, as the last boat for mail is in sight,

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Barrow, Alaska, Sept.14,1920.

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Ave.,New York City,N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

After being on the field from August 17th to September 14th, I find the situation here insufferable. Hence I shall remain only until the first opportunity permits an escape. Ofcourse, you are astonished at such action and an explanation is due you.

The hardships, climate, isolation,etc.,play a comparatively small part in the most vital phase of Barrow's problems. These concrete elemental handicaps you were frank about and I faced these before leaving New York. Now I ask you to face some of the other things with me before you pass too hasty a judgment upon the matter.

Congeniality between a dozen or so white folk in a little settlement may seem a very small item, but stretch your imagination a bit and picture you yourself in it. The Board of Education tell their teachers that they are,"I's" and anything they do and say goes. We happen to have a pair of obnoxious "Its" under the Board of Education and a few under the Presbyterian Board.

For the past three years Mr. and Mrs. Cram have made things very hard for Dr. and Mrs. Spence. How? By dictating, meddling, etc. For example, demanding that Dr. and Mrs. Spence have nothing to do with the Station( Trading Company's store ) people--- Demanding that Dr.Spence publicly disgrace a native in church when Dr. saw no cause for so doing. So the story might go on and on and on. Just at present, Mr. Cram acted for the natives in selling the S.S. Ruby some reindeer then took this money to help buy flour, sugar,and tea from the S.S. Bear. I know of a few natives who did not know of this and tried several times to get their share of the reindeer money before finding out that they had to <sup>trade</sup> buy it out. They tried to force the Mission to buy of them instead of the usual way through the Station, to help feed and pay the native builders.

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Letter Alaska

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1820

Mr J. S. Gould  
Sealth. Alaska

My dear Mr Gould

He arrived here Sat.

Evening and find Capt. Allen will finish loading  
to day. He has about 120 tons on board 40 tons  
on deck, 80 tons between decks and will leave at-  
once for Point Barrow and if the weather is good  
will arrive there in about one week. Capt. Peterson  
of the Schooner Hermann brought us over from home  
will take the balance of the cargo and will stop  
at Wainwright and pick up the coal. He at  
the same rate as with Allen 60<sup>¢</sup> for his grain  
here 30<sup>¢</sup> for his for the coal. Every thing is going  
fine. Capt. Peterson will take Miss Jordan Mrs B and  
myself. But do not know whether he will take the  
Eide family or not. As he has no accommodations for  
passengers and would rather they would go with Capt.  
Allen. But Eide does not like his quarters and  
is wanting Capt. Peterson to take them. Capt. Peterson  
will load balance of cargo 115 to 120 tons on the  
Schooner Fox. Probably five times larger than the ship  
and he will leave here in two or three days on the Hermann  
and will reach Point Barrow about as soon as Capt. Allen  
We were more than fortunate in finding Capt. Peterson



in Stone and Mr Cundit. but up  
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 not. take all our lumber and that. Mr. Kintland  
 has not. engaged some other one would be glad  
 if he would take it. Capt. Peterson sails in  
 the Arctic every year. Whaling and is a fine  
 gentleman gave us 3 fine meals on our way  
 over from Stone and made it as comfortable  
 as possible for all of us. He would have taken  
 all ~~our~~ Cargo if we could have known of  
 him in a much better ship and is a  
 competent. Seaman "No better" so they all say.  
 Every thing is in good shape but. the glass  
 Whittred says it is broken considerable and that.  
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 I will let. you know as soon as possible what  
 damage. Mr Cundit expects to leave Stone  
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 just such men so will never forget. him and wish it  
 more possible to have him with us for the year "next"

Mr. Condit. gave me \$500.<sup>00</sup> dollars  
when I left. I have for our Expenses and  
as far as I can see I do not think  
they will be very heavy I think our passage  
will be free But we may have to arrange  
for our board with Capt. Peterson will  
render you an account after reaching  
Point Barrow.

Every thing is turning out well the  
Lord has been good to us and I feel  
we have been blessed. Will write you as  
often as we can.

Hoping this may find you all  
well I am yours Sincerely. —  
M. A. Brown



September 29, 1920.

Dr. F. H. Spence,  
Point Barrow,  
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Spence:

Your letters have just come to the office and I hasten to reply. Dr. Condit's report has also gotten here and it tells the story of the landing of the hospital at Pt. Barrow. We are all rejoicing that things got there safely and hoping and praying that the building may be erected and ready for use before cold weather sets in.

Now, I want to write you confidentially about some matters that have been in my mind and causing a good deal of concern, namely, the fact that some new people are going to you. I fear young Ride may give you trouble if you are not firm with him. He has his instructions very strictly to the effect that he is under your direction while at Pt. Barrow. I told him distinctly that he was to be an assistant to you and to do exactly what you directed him, and especially he was to relieve you wherever possible of drudgery. He is anxious to teach and preach and thought he might be able to relieve you at the Point. Of this I am very doubtful. I have not met his wife, but from those who know them, I infer she is the abler and more reliable of the two. My purpose in writing, however, is to say to you that if you have trouble with him you are at liberty to send him back whenever you think his usefulness is at an end.

Miss Jordan, I think, will be a valuable aid to you. She is a trained nurse and I tried to place before her as faithfully as I could the handicaps and privations she would have to suffer in that northern climate. I hope she will be of great value to you. I want you, however, to report to me just how they are all getting along.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown I do not know, but Mr. Gould and Dr. Condit have the highest opinion of their Christian loyalty and ability also along their line.

I note your request to be relieved next year and we are looking for a physician and his wife to go up as soon as navigation opens. So you can count on coming out for a much needed rest. You have done great and valued service there for those neglected people and have the entire confidence and affection of all the Board.

I will want to write you again from time to time, but am impelled to send these few lines now and also to wish you and yours a happy Christmas, which will be as other Christmases, a feast of sacrifice and helpfulness, as was the Master's.

Remember me to the Rides and Miss Jordan and all your workers there. Send us all the pictures you can and especially photos of the hospital and its

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surroundings.

Have you any medical acquaintances whom you could suggest to take your place? We shall be glad to have them if you know of any.

All the Board and its staff would join in assuring you of their interest and prayers did they know I was writing. God bless you and keep you in your great work.

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES



October 27, 1920.

Miss Olive May Jordan,  
Point Barrow,  
Alaska.

My dear Miss Jordan:

I want to send you simply a brief note of Christmas greetings in your life in the far north. I hope and pray that the Christmas time may bring to you all the joy that belongs to those who give their lives for the service of Him who has given His life for all of us.

I hope your work at Point Barrow is going along successfully despite the hard conditions under which it is performed. Write me fully of your life and impressions and be free especially to make any suggestions that occur to you.

Sincerely yours,

COPY

Barrow, Alaska,

Oct. 28, 1920.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Will write you a few lines in this mail which leaves here next Monday, Nov. 1st by dog team for Kotzebue about 700 miles and will arrive back here about Christmas.

We have the building all enclosed - windows all in and by the end of this week will have all our ceiling on the inside. Have one furnace ready for fire by tomorrow and that will make it possible for us to work in most any kind of weather. The coldest so far being 13 below zero most of the time about that much above zero. Our basement is 6'-0" high in clear and will make fine fuel room as the lower side of basement is all above ground. Put in 2nd floor through center of building 12'-0" wide on 4 x 4 sleepers and built two brick foundations for the furnaces 5'-0" x 6'-0". These foundations are down on the ice about 2'-0" deep. We will also locate the Delco light plant in the basement and will finish this room 12'-0" x 44'-0" and make it as warm as possible to protect the Delco system.

I have 4 natives working and paying them \$3.00 per day of 9 hours and they prepare their own lunch as before we gave them their lunch and worked 10 hours. I did this as it was the custom here but now we have small force I proposed we would work only 9 hours and pay them the same wages and we think it better for us and cheaper. Everything is working out fine and we all are pleased that we have it in such good shape. We can work every day.

Our total expense for native help to date, \$1,472.70 for which we gave orders in the Traders Store. This includes carrying the lumber back from high water mark in beach to the building site (nearly 1/4 mile) all carpenter and common labor and the cutting of ice for our year's supply. Natives do their work fairly well but are very slow. But when it comes to packing stuff on their back they can beat a white man.

Dr. Spence, Mrs. Spence and Miss Jordan left here on Sabbath evening, Sept. 26th without the formality of bidding any of us good bye or even telling us they had any intention of leaving. He left the key of the house with the trader at the store and he took possession of things at the house and disposed of them. They took this family of 3 into their house the day we arrived here and that is the reason we had to go to Mr. and Mrs. Cram for one room to live in. Dr. Spence was a sadly disappointed man and not big enough for the job. When he saw all the lumber boxes, crating, furnaces, Delco lighting system, plumbing fixtures, piping, hospital supplies, furniture, stoves, cooking range, brick concrete piers, paints, oils, hardware, etc. was simply overcome, more so than the Queen of Sheba for he neither had spirit or spine left in him. I have seen him passing within 100 feet of the building on his way to the trader's store, but he did not do as well as the Priest and Levite. He passed by on the other side all right but he did not even look. He took no interest in the building, did not even know how it was divided, was very conspicuous for his absence. I read my contract over in his presence before commencing the building. He also asked me to read it again two or three days after and after I had been working about one week he asked me to let him have it as he wanted to read it again. I gave it to him and when he gave it back he said he had made a copy of it. But the clause in that contract which plainly says I was to build the hospital and no one was to interfere with my work was too much for him for he had drawn plans and had sent them on to the Board and to be ignored in that manner when he had been on the field for five years and understood all the conditions and the Board in



New York did not understand the conditions I could see from all his talk that he was hurt. To give an instance he asked me what kind of chimney are you going to have? I said brick. He said that would do up here. I asked him why? He said they always use tile. He would rather find fault than to commend it. He never in my presence praised one thing. Another instance, I said to him on the second or third day that I was here that it seemed to me that living conditions should be made better for these natives and that they should have better homes and get out of these dirt igloos and Dr. Spence replied that if you built larger houses that meant more furniture, more fuel to heat the houses. That is just the language the trader would use. He is not in favor of improving their condition and hence he is not in sympathy with the work of the government done by Mr. and Mrs. Gram. The trader knows he can buy fox skins cheaper if no one interferes with his business. Dr. Spence hobnobbed with the trader a squaw man with no religion whatever in preference to Mr. Gram an ordained minister of the Gospel. He told me in the presence of Mr. Eide that the trader gave him all the meat he used for the last year free of charge. Do you wonder that he would leave the key to the manse in his hands in preference to Mr. Eide? Leave all his sick patients and medicines without one word to Mr. Eide what he should do? Is this what you call religion? We fired the furnace today and it certainly performed well. Weather today 10 above zero and about the same inside the building. We raised the temperature to 40 above on less than 1 sack coal for the whole day. When the building is completed and the storm sash in and the other furnace going there will be no trouble in heating the building throughout.

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C O P Y

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I have 4 natives working and paying them \$3.00 per day of 9 hours and they prepare their own lunch as before we gave them their lunch and worked 10 hours. I did this as it was the custom here but now we have small force I proposed we would work only 9 hours and pay them the same wages and we think it better for us and cheaper. Everything is working out fine and we all are pleased that we have it in such good shape. We can work every day.

Our total expense for native help to date, \$1,472.70 for which we gave orders in the Traders Store. This includes carrying the lumber back from high water mark in beach to the building site (nearly 1/4 mile) all carpenter and common labor and the cutting of ice for our year's supply. Natives do their work fairly well but are very slow. But when it comes to packing stuff on their back they can beat a white man.

Dr. Spence, Mrs. Spence and Miss Jordan left here on Sabbath evening, Sept. 26th without the formality of bidding any of us good bye or even telling us they had any intention of leaving. He left the key of the house with the trader at the store and he took possession of things at the house and disposed of them. They took this family of 3 into their house the day we arrived here and that is the reason we had to go to Mr. and Mrs. Cram for one room to live in. Dr. Spence was a sadly disappointed man and not big enough for the job. When he saw all the lumber boxes, crating, furnaces, Delco lighting system, plumbing fixtures, piping, hospital supplies, furniture, stoves, cooking range, brick concrete piers, paints, oils, hardware, etc. was simply overcome, more so than the Queen of Sheba for he neither had spirit or spine left in him. I have seen him passing within 100 feet of the building on his way to the trader's store, but he did not do as well as the Priest and Levite. He passed by on the other side all right but he did not even look. He took no interest in the building, did not even know how it was divided, was very conspicuous for his absence. I read my contract over in his presence before commencing the building. He also asked me to read it again two or three days after and after I had been working about one week he asked me to let him have it as he wanted to read it again. I gave it to him and when he gave it back he said he had made a copy of it. But the clause in that contract which plainly says I was to build the hospital and no one was to interfere with my work was too much for him for he had drawn plans and had sent them on to the Board and to be ignored in that manner when he had been on the field for five years and understood all the conditions and the Board in



New York did not understand the conditions I could see from all his talk that he was hurt. To give an instance he asked me what kind of chimney are you going to have? I said brick. He said that would do up here. I asked him why? He said they always use tile. He would rather find fault than to commend it. He never in my presence praised one thing. Another instance, I said to him on the second or third day that I was here that it seemed to me that living conditions should be made better for these natives and that they should have better homes and get out of these dirt igloos and Dr. Spence replied that if you built larger houses that meant more furniture, more fuel to heat the houses. That is just the language the trader would use. He is not in favor of improving their condition and hence he is not in sympathy with the work of the government done by Mr. and Mrs. Cram. The trader knows he can buy fox skins cheaper if no one interferes with his business. Dr. Spence hobnobbed with the trader a squaw man with no religion whatever in preference to Mr. Cram an ordained minister of the Gospel. He told me in the presence of Mr. Eide that the trader gave him all the meat he used for the last year free of charge. Do you wonder that he would leave the key to the manse in his hands in preference to Mr. Eide? Leave all his sick patients and medicines without one word to Mr. Eide what he should do? Is this what you call religion?. We fired the furnace today and it certainly performed well. Weather today 10 above zero and about the same inside the building. We raised the temperature to 40 above on less than 1 sack coal for the whole day. When the building is completed and the storm sash in and the other furnace going there will be no trouble in heating the building throughout.

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October 27, 1920.

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Point Barrow, M. A. Brown,  
Alaska.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

In behalf of the Board of Home Missions I want to convey to you our warmest greetings for the Christmas season despite the cold in which you will spend it.

Dr. Condit has written me quite fully of your helpful influence and useful service in getting the hospital up to Point Barrow. I trust that it is by this time far enough on to be of use to those poor people. I should be glad if you would write me your impressions of the whole situation there and make any suggestions that occur to you. Be assured of the continued prayer and backing of us all.

Very sincerely yours,



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October 29, 1920.

Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, D. D.,  
129 East 71st Street,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Coffin:

Following our conversation on the phone last night I am enclosing,

1st, the report of Dr. James H. Condit, our superintendent in Alaska, of his trip to Point Barrow and the landing at the hospital there.

2nd, a personal letter from Dr. Condit in regard to the trip.

3rd, a letter from F. H. Spence, M. D., our missionary there who will have charge of the hospital.

4th, a statement from Mr. Banks of the cost of transportation and erection as far as reported to us.

In a few days we will have some pictures which we will be glad to forward to you to be shown to Mrs. Harkness.

You will observe that the cost of transportation about equals that of the hospital itself. The Commonwealth Fund has appropriated \$25,000 for the hospital. Since they made this generous grant the freight rates on the Northern Pacific and in the Bering Sea have been very materially increased. We thought at that time also that we could arrange for a boat to take the hospital entire from Seattle to Point Barrow. We were not able to find such a boat. Consequently all of the freight had to be transferred at Teller, involving very high lighterage charges from \$12 to \$16 a ton. Freight rates are always very high when material has to be transported outside of the regular lines. North of Nome there is no regular line of boats, our dependence being altogether on fur trading, whaling vessels, etc.

This will explain why the hospital, instead of costing us \$25,000, is nearer \$50,000. It will be a great help to the Board if Mrs. Harkness will suggest to the Commonwealth Fund the assumption of the entire cost.

Any further information you desire about it will be cheerfully given.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

November 5, 1920.

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Pt. Barrow,  
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My dear Mr. Brown:

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You can go ahead and do the best you can and I rather think that you will have to be the head push up there until you come away, because I am doubtful of Eide's being level-headed enough to take charge of things up there.

As far as the religious training is concerned, you can do a better job of it than Dr. Spence and you can kind of look after it until you get orders from New York different which will be a long, long while, because it is rather slow to get mail in there from here; in fact, I doubt whether you will get this letter before New Years. We have the utmost confidence in you and know that you will work it out just as tho you owned the whole country up there.

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Barrow Alaska,

Sept. 24, 1920.

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,

New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

It is with deepest regret that I witness the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Spence and Miss. Jordan, but under existing conditions here it is the only safe and sane thing that they can do. The health of both the Dr. and his wife is very poorly, besides the worries and trials of fighting an up hill fight for the past three years, has been very hard on them both.

They can well be proud of their work here, and the natives are going to miss them sorely. The Dr. was always ready to attend them day or night. I have seen the Dr. go to the Point, a distance of twelve miles, in weather that I wouldn't want to travel in and I am an experienced dog-driver used to all kinds of weather, and he would do this twice a week, month after month. Why? Because he was conscientiously doing his duty.

I have written these few lines that you may know that we have fully appreciated the Doctor's services, and as a Doctor as well as in the church he will be sadly missed. this coming year.

Yours truly,

*Harry W. Bloomfield*

Agent of C.S.W. & T. Co.



November 11, 1920.

Mr. M. A. Brown,  
Point Barrow,  
Alaska.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. Gould has just written me of the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Spence and Miss Jordan from Barrow. I am exceedingly sorry that they have deserted their post at so critical a juncture. I am especially disgusted with Miss Jordan, who was warned that she might meet just such things and given full information of the situation there, so far as we knew it. I fear that the recommendations we received about her, and her own representation of herself, were without foundation.

However, the thing I am writing about is to say that our Board approves most heartily Mr. Gould's letter to you turning the whole thing over into your hands for this winter. Mr. Gould also wrote Mr. Eide telling him he was subject to your orders, and this also has our hearty approval. Mr. Gould stands for us in these particulars and what he says goes.

I want, in addition to this, to express our high appreciation of the attitude you have taken thus far and of the fact that you are staying by your post in this extremity. May God reward you and your wife for your fidelity.

I wish you would write me your suggestions and recommendations as to the future conduct of the hospital and mission. We are now looking for a young physician and his wife to go to Point Barrow next summer and take charge of things there, also for a nurse who has the character to stand by her contract in a hard post.

This letter will probably not reach you until late in the winter or the spring, but I want you to know that we both approve Mr. Gould's action in placing you at the head of things and warmly appreciate your remaining by the task in so difficult a field.

Remember me to Mr. and Mrs. Eide and give my best wishes to Mrs. Brown.

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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THE COMMONWEALTH FUND

1 EAST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK

MAX FARRAND, GENERAL DIRECTOR

SAMUEL C. FAIRLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

December 8, 1920

Dear Doctor Marquis:

I telephoned your office the other day to say that our Directors had voted an additional appropriation for your Eskimo Hospital at Barrow. This was a sum not to exceed \$20,000 to meet the additional and legitimate expense of freightage.

Your secretary informed me that you were to be back in town on December 11, and was good enough to suggest that you would get in touch with me in regard to the matter.

I am writing this letter therefore simply as an official communication to you of the action of our Directors.

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel C. Fairley*

Dr. John A. Marquis,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

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December 20, 1920.

Rev. Henry S. Coffin, D. D.,  
129 East 71st Street,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Coffin:

I saw the Commonwealth people this morning and told them frankly about our disappointment in the departure of Dr. Spence and the nurse from Point Barrow. They were very nice about it and agreed that a man of Dr. Spence's age ought not to stay so far north any longer than possible.

In regard to Miss Jordan, Mr. Fairley comforted me by saying that two of their best research workers had forsaken the Fund for the same reason. He seemed to think that no one was to be held accountable for the trouble Cupid is always making. After returning to the office I found Miss Jordan and her husband, Captain Pedersen, were here. They have a good deal of light to throw on Dr. Spence's leaving. Captain Pedersen is very firm of the opinion that the Doctor would not have lived through the winter had he remained. I regret I did not have this word before I saw Mr. Fairley, but I will see that he gets it.

I thought you would be interested in knowing the result of the visit. They agreed to give the Board \$43,231.55, which pays all bills so far received. There will be some small items for labor and other incidentals at Point Barrow, which will be reported to us next summer, and which I am to forward to the Fund for information.

Thanking you again for your helpful interest, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

December 20, 1920.

Mr. Samuel C. Fairley,  
The Commonwealth Fund,  
1 East 57th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Fairley:

We have been over the cost of the Point Barrow Hospital together and I am writing to say that our review of the matter in the office here confirms the conclusion we reached in my conference with you, namely, that the erection of the hospital at Barrow, Alaska, has cost us to date \$43,231.55. There will come some items for labor and other incidentals at Point Barrow of which we will not know until navigation opens next summer.

Permit me to thank you and the Commonwealth Fund for your generous offer of assistance in this matter. I am sending you under another cover some pictures and other material with reference to Point Barrow.

With every good wish for the Christmas season,  
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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SAMUEL C. FAIRLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

December 23, 1920

My dear Dr. Marquis:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 20th., and we shall at once start the necessary routine for sending you a check for \$18,231.55, which is the amount agreed upon in our conversation of yesterday, as representing the additional expense, over and above the \$25,000, already appropriated for the erection of a hospital at Barrow.

Very sincerely yours

*Samuel C. Fairley*

Dr. John A. Marquis,  
Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

SCF:MR

*Mr. Brown*  
Barrow, Alaska,

Dec. 28th, 1920.

Dear Mr. Gould:

Received your letter of 9/2 last Friday, Dec. 24th. Just after you received my wire of August 31st. Since that time we have made good progress. We have everything, at present, just as comfortable as you have it in Seattle. Hot air furnaces working fine, no trouble to heat the building any degree you wish. Electric lights just as bright as you have it in your homes. We have all the rooms lined and papered in the inside and the Upsom board are more than half of the rooms, door jambs also and about one-half the doors hung. All of the floors laid down. All windows and door frames are set and all inside sashes are in but no storm sash are but two windos and these two are very clear of frost in the inside while the other windows are covered with a very heavy coat. This shows that the storm sash are going to do the work. The coldest weather we have had is 30 below zero while it reaches 40 or 50 sometimes but does not remain at that only for a short time.

Only Mr. Eide and myself are working at present. The Natives help cost up to date. \$1,933.70 for which I gave orders in the Traders store. All this material had to be packed up from the beach by hand and it was necessary to store it in several different places and then rehandle to building which made it expensive. I commenced work in the Hospital August 30th and on Sept. 25th, I had the building enclosed and all the lumber stored inside the building and the snow was flying at that time so much so that it covered our lumber and we had to sweep it off. We were very fortunate in having a nice September month. We only have one course of lining on the inside and one layer of paper. one more layer of paper to go in and the siding and that will make it much warmer. We cannot put in the siding before Spring also the wing and the two front porches and outside corner work will have to go over until Spring time when the "Birds begin to sing."

We will be in need of another can of Putty, 85 Lbs to finish glazing the outside sash. In order to finish the attic rooms it will require some more lumber but that can go over until we find out just what we will need after completing the work already underway which will be ample for some time to come. As to coal, Lamp Oil and Gasoline, suppose Mr. Eide will let you know about that. If you can get a rate in Coal from Seattle through to Barrow, I believe it would pay to ship in the outside Coal as it is much better than the Wainwright.

The Lagoon which furnishes their drinking water is on an Elevation of about 14 feet higher than the Hospital. I would require about 2500 feet of 2" pipe and about 800 feet of 1" pipe, (Galvanized) with six faucets, cuplings, reducers, etc., which would bring the water to these buildings on the gravity system and could be used four months in the year would be a great protection against fire. The cost for laying it on top of ground would be very little. If you wish to take it up with Mr. Lopp at the Government should bear 1/2 of the expenses. There would



be one tap at the Church, one at the Manse and one at the Hospital which would be very convenient for all the people.

In regard to the work here, if possible, you should have a good conscientious, christian physician, one who has thrift and economy and not afraid of work and will work for the good of the natives. That is if he is too lazy to do his work and chooses and gets a native to do his work, pay him for it and not put him off by giving him a cracker or two cents worth of soap. It is not necessary to have a Preacher, as I see it, but a man who can teach these people how to live both morally and spiritually and observe the Golden Rule himself. These people should not be required to work for nothing because they do not know better and no Christian man would do that sort of thing if he wants to do right.

Mr. and Mrs. Cram are doing a good work and are interested in the welfare of the Natives and there is no reason under the sun why the Mission and they should not work together in harmony. No man can do the right thing by these Natives and follow the instructions or in the make of the Traders Store.

Sincerely yours,

M. A. Brown.

DEC 30 1920

THE COMMONWEALTH FUND

1 EAST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK

MAX FARRAND, GENERAL DIRECTOR

SAMUEL C. FAIRLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

December 29, 1920.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

I am very happy to send you the enclosed check for \$18,231.55, being the sum agreed upon as representing the additional expense for the erection of the hospital at Barrow.

Very sincerely yours,

SCF/H



Mr. John A. Marquis,  
Presbyterian Board of Home Missions,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.



December 30, 1920.

Mr. Samuel C. Fairley,  
The Commonwealth Fund,  
1 East 57th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Fairley:

Thanks very much for your check for \$18,231.55, being the additional expense over and above the \$25,000 appropriated by your Fund December 19, 1919. We appreciate very deeply this additional help you have given us. Will you convey the cordial thanks of our Board to the directors of your Fund?

In Mr. Farrand's communication of December 19, 1919, advising us of the original appropriation of \$25,000 he states: "Although our general ruling is that such appropriations are 'payable in instalments at the discretion of the Directors,' it means that this amount is now available for this specific purpose and payments will be made as they may be needed, as soon as we can come to an understanding with you as to the details."

I have never taken these details up with you, but have left the matter of payment of the original \$25,000 to meet your convenience. Is there any further information we need give you before the original appropriation is paid to us?

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

Barrow,  
Alaska,  
Dec. 31st, 1920.

*Mr. Brown*  
(PERSONAL)

MR. Gould:

I think, under the circumstances, I will write you a few lines in regard to the Church work here. Not as a tale-bearer but for the good of the Mission and I hope you will take it so

No man can preach the Gospel without special preparation and education and it certainly is a crime for a man to undertake to teach these natives how they should live for the betterment of mankind and for their spiritual welfare without any knowledge of the Bible himself. A short time ago Mr. Eide taught the Teachers Bible training class that Christ was crucified on Thursday. I had taught a Bible Class two weeks before, that, he was Crucified on Friday and referred to Mark 15-42. When I aksed Eide about it he said, ~~ff~~ He was three days and three nights in the grave. It would be Thursday. Also referred to the Faith cure Englishman that came to Seattle and cured so many. Spoke well of the Kaiser in giving certain releif at one time in Norway. He made so may eronious statements that, it is not necessary to repeat, showing his ignorance in so many things and statements that he makes, I think Dr. Lopp can give you some light in how he left the "Diamecls"

He was charged for sixteen tons of freight. I spoke to him about it and he said he did not have one ton and he would write the board and tell them so you might see the Alaska S.S. Co., in regard to it. He has three guns and lots of amunition. This ammunition was bought from the Seattle Hdwe Co. You might see who paid for it.



What I am trying to impress upon you is to send the best man available as soon as possible with absolute control over all.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Brown.

JAN 14 1921

THE COMMONWEALTH FUND

1 EAST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK

MAX FARRAND, GENERAL DIRECTOR

SAMUEL C. FAIRLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Jan. 13, 1921.

My dear Dr. Marquis:

I take great pleasure in enclosing our check for \$25,000. which represents our original appropriation to the building of the Eskimo Hospital.

Very sincerely yours,

*Samuel C. Fairley*

Dr. John A. Marquis,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
N. Y. City.

SCF/H

*Check handed  
to Mrs Banks  
1/14/21 -  
m.l.*



February 11, 1921.

Mr. M. A. Brown,  
Point Barrow,  
Alaska.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. Gould has just forwarded me your letter to him written the last of October. I want in the name of the Board and personally to express our great gratification at the way you are handling affairs at distant Barrow. We ~~were~~ greatly disappointed and concerned when we learned that Dr. Spence had left. However, in view of your letters and all the knowledge that has come to us since I really think it has been a good thing.

Mr. Lopp, the head of the Alaskan Division of the Government's Education Bureau, was here a couple of weeks ago and he concurs with me in that. I am glad that you are remaining on good terms with Mr. Cram. Between him and Dr. Spence I have no opinion at all, but I do think it is very regrettable that Christian men living so far away from their homes and in surroundings where they ought to stand by each other and support each other in every possible way, should grow apart as these two men have done at Point Barrow. Mr. Lopp and I have had long talks on the situation and I think we can work out a plan by which the school and the mission can be brought into closer relationship and more cordial cooperation.

We have also contracted with the Liebes Company in San Francisco to take all of our supplies hereafter directly from San Francisco or Seattle to Point Barrow without reloading at Nome or Teller. We have ordered 80 tons of outside coal for Barrow which will start in April. Dr. Condit has suggested that 20 additional tons be sent and we are taking that up also with Captain Pedersen. Dr. Condit is coming to Seattle soon to go over the matter there of other needed supplies. I need not discuss this with you now inasmuch as this letter will probably not reach you until the boat goes there in the summer. I am writing simply to let you know how deeply we appreciate the way you have held things together at that distant point after Dr. Spence forsook it. We are trying to get a new doctor to go there for next winter and have several promising applicants before us. The most vital thing in the whole matter is the Christian devotion of the man who goes. There is no monetary consideration that would justify a man going so far. If he goes it must be solely because he loves the Lord Jesus Christ and wants to win men to Him.

The letters we are receiving from Dr. Greist at Cape Prince of Wales are highly gratifying. He had no equipment at all there and half the coal we sent him together with his other supplies were cut by the ice at Teller and he has had to live at Wales without them. In spite of this fact he has met the condition heroically and patched together a house to live in and is doing a remarkable work among the natives.

Mr. Gould thinks he has two or three physicians in or near Seattle

who would fill the bill at Point Barrow and we are asking him to take the matter up with them.

I wish I could get up there some time myself to see that interesting jumping-off place of the North. When you come back I trust you can bring with you a good supply of photographs, relics, etc. which we can use to arouse the church to a larger interest in the need and the work there.

I am especially pleased also to have your testimony in regard to Mr. Eide. A good many of us, including Mr. Gould, were doubtful about his ability to get along with people, but you have been able to manage him and to get the good that is in him at work. I believe he has large possibilities of service there, and so has his wife. A wise, strong man like yourself will be able to get along with him and to use him for the general good.

I trust that some time we may see each other face to face so that I can express to you and to Mrs. Brown personally the appreciation we feel for your service during this winter. Our staff meets daily for prayer at 12.30 and in these meetings we remember all our missionaries and have again and again made special prayer for you and your associates at Barrow.

Remember me to Mr. and Mrs. Eide and to Mrs. Brown. I shall be glad also if you will convey our compliments to Mr. Cram whom I have never had the pleasure of meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES



Barrow. Alaska March 14. 21

My dear Mr Gould.

He received your letters  
of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> and one from Gene  
dated Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. The most welcome  
letters that I ever received. I thank my  
God for such Christian friends and  
for your words of encouragement - for  
your utmost confidence in me. The  
mail arrived last evening by dog team  
and this will be the last mail out  
until August. - We all feel very grateful  
to you and Mr Margins for the taking  
over the work in the Church and mission.  
Mr Eide had simply become unbearable  
to Mr and Mrs Brown. Mrs Brown and myself.  
Only on last Thursday while at work in  
the hospital building he accused Mrs Brown  
and myself of crowding he and Mr Eide  
off Capt. Petersens boat - last summer and  
was the cause of his baby's death.

He spoke very sneeringly of me being  
an ordained Elder and a Bible Teacher  
and that I did not talk and must have  
a grunch against him. "over"

Ever since he assaulted Mr Brown  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January after teaching  
the Bible class I leave the Church  
for I will not listen to a man of  
that kind. About two months ago  
he notified the natives that there would  
be no evening service. But the natives  
held their evening service just the same  
without - he being present; and about  
two weeks ago one of the Elders asked  
me to come over and give them a  
talk I tried to beg off and told them  
I was not qualified to talk but he  
insisted that I would and I promised  
that I would come. At the morning  
service Elder said he would take  
charge of the evening service. Of course  
I did not go. Because he seems to  
be very jealous of the Church. That is what  
he blamed Mr Cram for working against  
him in the Church. And told me the  
same thing when I went to Mr Cram's  
assistance that we were both working  
against him for which I told him that  
there was not one word of truth in it.



At the same time he said he was going to take Saturday off. and he did not care whether I liked it or not. and he did not work Saturday. I merely wish this to show you how contemptible, mean, and rebellious he has been since our absence here. he moved into the manse a very comfortable & roomy house with 3 stories which I assure you he has burnt. Considerable Coal. he had all the medicines there and must keep the house warm to keep from freezing.

I will call the Elders of the Church together and tell them of the action of the Board and get their wishes in regard to the Church Service and will try and conform to their wishes. It is hard to tell how much trouble God will give me. I pray God's blessing on your efforts to get a good consecrated physician and his wife with good common sense to come to this field and work for the uplift of these natives. Mr & Mrs Bram are working for the good of the natives and their work here will tell for itself in probably 100 English speaking Boys and Girls

He are living in one room up stairs  
with Mr and Mrs Brown very comfortable  
and in the six months that we have been  
here will say that we could not have  
been treated better and that we have  
found them to be good consecrated  
Christians.

Outside of Eide I never  
enjoyed my work better than putting  
up this building with the native help  
they are quite Esl. after being Shams  
and are a very peaceable quiet good  
natured people. Will about finish the  
inside by April 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> just. Eide and I  
working now. Our outside work will be the  
Dieling. Cornice. Belt-Courses. Porches. Steps  
wing of building and all our outside & frame  
windows, and some trimming. Painting &c.  
and we will have a complete building  
hope to be able to have a picture of  
it to take out. with us.

I hope and pray from now on we  
will get along with less friction for  
it surely has been getting on my nerves  
With best wishes for you all I am  
Sincerely yours. M. S. Brown



Barrow Alaska

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1921

Dear Mr Lunt

I sent you a wire telling you something of the situation here could not explain it all.

Eide assaulted Mr Cram in the hospital building on Jan 4<sup>th</sup> in the basement. He had not reported for work and I did not know that he was in the building. I was working up on first floor.

Mr Cram came in the basement and Eide called to him wait. and asked him if he belonged to this Church. Mr Cram said he was a member of the Presbytery and started to go up stairs. Eide caught hold of him and pulled him back and struck him three or four times. Mr Cram called for help and I ran down and found Mr Cram bleeding his face being cut.

badly. I asked him what-he meant-  
 by striking Mr Cram. he said Mr  
 Cram and I were working against  
 him so promptly told him he was  
 a liar and I would lay him out-  
 with a hammer. (But did not have  
 the hammer). I took Mr Cram  
 up stairs and wiped the blood off his  
 face and put my tools away and  
 had just put out the lights and  
 had my lantern in my hand and  
 started with Mr Cram to take him  
 home when at that moment- in  
 rushed Eide and right up to me  
 and said "Strike me with a hammer"  
 "Strike me with a hammer". He had  
 ran up to the house after assaulting  
 Mr Cram in the basement and come  
 back with his wife crying and trying  
 to get him home. I said to him  
 what-is the matter with you are  
 you crazy? then he repeated again  
 "Strike me with a hammer". I turned  
 around to pull on the lights and



as I did do. He struck Mr. Brown  
 a powerful blow on the nose. Mr. Brown  
 cried to me he had killed him and  
 it did look like it. from the way  
 he was bleeding. And the Hospital  
 floor shows it to this day. although  
 they tried to wash it off. He then  
 ran from the building over to the  
 Traders Store and told them what he  
 had done. My own opinion is that  
 had I attempted to draw a hammer  
 he would have shot me for I think  
 when he ran to the house and  
 came back with his wife trying to  
 coax him back he had a revolver  
 in his pocket. It looks that way  
 to me! and I believe he is fully  
 capable of doing that very thing.  
 He assaulted Mr. Brown the second  
 time when Mr. Brown did not say  
 one word to him. I want to say  
 this Mr. Gould had to know that  
 it was to work with such a demon  
 I never would have left Seattle.

I never was more interested  
 in a building in my life and  
 never got along more smoothly  
 and every thing working out fine  
 and I never had a cross word with  
 any one on the job for all the natives  
 seemed so happy to be able to help  
 on the hospital and make a little  
 money. I called a meeting of the  
 Elders of the Church and sent for Eick  
 I told the Elders through an interpreter  
 that Eick had accused Mr Brown  
 and myself of working against him  
 and now I wanted to know what  
 we had done (Mr Brown was not able  
 to be present.) He could not bring  
 one thing against us but said Mrs  
 Brown tried to get their girl (native)  
 away from them and that Mrs Brown  
 was spying on him when preaching  
 I would like to tell you of some of the things  
 he has said from the pulpit. But that  
 would make this too long. If the Board  
 does not take action at once we will



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it be possible to have Mr Council  
to come here and investigate this  
matter. If he does he will have  
to come up on one of the small  
boats and return on the Bear.

If possible give him full power  
to act if it meets with your  
approval. In two weeks time after  
he assaulted Mr Brown his baby died  
I made a little coffin and we buried  
it here in a bank of snow. He is  
perishing now and I am in hopes  
he will not break out again. But  
we have no assurance whatever.

His own countryman told me at Teller  
that he had to leave the vicarage  
in a skin boat and he had no use  
for him. Now surely Mr Lopp knew  
this and if he did I am sorry he  
did not tell us. As I have told you  
in former letters. A good Christian Worker  
is badly needed to teach these people  
how to better their moral and spiritual  
condition. Sincerely yours. M. V. Brown

Barrow, Jan. 24, 1921, via Noorvik, March 31 1921.

Lopp

Seattle

Request protection against Arthur Eide Threatened Brown. Statement  
Presbyterian pulpit killing man no bad thing. Later assaulted Cram  
twice. Letter follows. See Gould.

Cram.

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Received at 1308 1st Ave., Seattle, Wash.  
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NULATO ALASKA MARCH ~~XXXXXX~~ 31 1921.

J A GOULD

723 LEARY BUILDING SEATTLE WASH.

WORK PROGRESSING DOORS UPSOM BOARD FLOORING FURNACES LIGHTS FINISHED  
INSIDE WORK COMPLETE APRIL FIRST OUTSIDE WORK COMPLETED IN SUMMER  
EIDE ASSAULTED MR CRAM WITHOUT CAUSE BEAT HIM BADLY ATTACKED ME  
VERY DISAGREEABLE NOT FITTED HERE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY  
KIND OF WORK A ~~XXXXXXXX~~ GOOD CHRISTIAN DOCTOR BADLY NEEDED

B M BROWN  
BARROW ALASKA JANUARY 31  
411p



August 2, 1921.

FOR THE CONTINENT -

Dr. & Mrs. F. H. Spence of Point Barrow, Alaska, have been speaking in Sioux City and other points in Iowa with great acceptance. They have a wonderful story to tell of the Gospel's triumph in this most "Northern Mission Field" in the World."

The Caroline A. Burrington Sunday School Class of the First Church of Sioux City is taking quite an interest in the mission there and has contributed \$25.00 towards its support.

THE LARGEST  
ESKIMOS CHURCH  
IN THE WORLD



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BARROW, ALASKA

THE FARTHEST NORTH  
OF ANY CHURCH IN  
NORTH AMERICA

REV. F. H. SPENCE, M.D.

~~BARROW, ALASKA~~

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 27, 1921.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.  
156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Marquis:-

I wonder if you will be surprised to know that the letter you wrote me September 28th 1920 has just reached me here in Minneapolis together with many others that were written about that time.

It dealt with some of the problems up there at that time. I wonder if you realize that all or at least many of those problems came to us without one word of direction or encouragement from the Board. Your letter that should have reached me at or before that time is just received.

A letter from Dr. Greist that was written soon enough to have helped us in many ways, came to us in Los Angeles last April, as did the telegram sent by Dr. Dixon a year ago last April. I speak of these things not for ourselves but in the hopes that it may influence you and the Board to see that Dr. Greist receives a letter of helpfulness and interest at least on each of the four mails of the year.

Your representative there is facing many and serious problems. He is cut off as few are from sympathetic human aid and support and needs not only your prayers and financial support but encouragement and assurance of your confidence and trust in him and what he is doing.

I do not know Dr. Greist but I do know something of the conditions by which he is surrounded and my heart goes out to him in the work he has undertaken. What I have said in regard to the doctor applies with equal force to the nurse, Miss Dakin. It is more emphatically true in that far off place to bestow our flowers on the workers while they are living than upon their death.

This is not to be construed as a criticism but as an effort to lighten the burdens of the workers among the people we have learned to love as our own.



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REV. F. H. SPENCE, M.D.  
*in person*

~~BARROW, ALASKA~~

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BARROW, ALASKA

Dr. F. H. Spence--2

Your letter of July 17, 1921 was received asking us to make an effort to prevail on churches, individuals, Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavorers to take shares of \$10.00 each in the Hospital and work at Barrow.

I have shown it to every pastor in this church I have spoken since and many have taken it up. We never fail to have good attention when we speak. There have been many kind words spoken to both of us and many come after each service to shake hands with us and tell us how much they enjoyed the message.

Many times they have said to us, "I wish you had talked longer, it did not seem more than fifteen minutes," though I talk about forty minutes. When I was at the White Pine Presbytery the other day, after speaking, a lady came and said it did not seem more than five minutes, and I told her she had distracted all her predecessors.

We spoke last Sunday in the House of Hope, Dr. Greening's church, to a large audience that was very attentive. With many thanks for your kind interest and support and for the privilege of doing something to help the people of Barrow, who are to us as our own children.

Cordially,

*F. H. Spence*

Barrow Alaska

November 26, 1921

Mr. M. A. Brown,  
5804 Rainier Avenue,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I share your indignation at the audacity and untruthfulness of Eide in rushing into print, but I do not see how any of us can prevent it as long as newspapers want to take such stuff. I have been anxious that excuse be given Eide to assume the role of martyr to the Home Board. My first impulse when I received your letter with its enclosures was to write the newspapers in Seattle denying the whole matter but on second consideration I concluded that the less we noticed him or anything he says the better.

However, I wish you would discuss the whole matter with Mr. Gould as he is more familiar with the situation than anybody else in our Board, and I am ready to take his judgment as to what he thinks should be done.

Immediately upon the receipt of Mr. Gould's letter stating that Eide had gone to Nome and might therefore turn up at Point Barrow any time, I wrote to Dr. Greist and warned him of Eide and directed him in case Eide should appear in Point Barrow to have nothing whatever to do with him and not to allow him about the mission in any way. If Mrs. Eide wants to go with him, well and good, but she cannot remain in the hospital and take up with him again.

I have been wanting to write to you for some time to express again the appreciation of our Board for the way you held things together at Point Barrow during the trying winter you were there. I have been away from the office so much and have been so crowded when I am here that I have not had a chance to do it. It is possible I may be in Seattle in January and if so I want to see you by all means.

I enclose a copy of a letter received some days ago from Mr. Wingate in Seattle, which I have not yet answered. He has written to me a good many times before and seems to be a man who wants to do right with reference to Eide but was misled by the false information the latter has given him. How would it be for you and Mr. Gould to have a quiet talk with Mr. Wingate and put him wise so far as it is possible on the situation?

With every good wish to Mrs. Brown and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours



File. Point Barrow.

Feb. 12, 1922.

My dear Dr. Marquis:—

My friend Miss  
Florence Dakin, Barrow, Alaska, writes  
me that she expects that some one  
will be needed to assist her with the  
work about the hospital. She mention-  
ed cooking and some assistance with  
the church work.

Will you kindly inform me what

the requirements for the work are, in  
case you decide to send some out.

Very Sincerely,

Eloise E. Bullen Camp

210 E. Erie St.

Chicago, Ill



February 16, 1922.

Miss Eloise E. Bullenkamp,  
210 East Erie Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Miss Bullenkamp:

I have your letter of the 12th in regard to helping Miss Florence Dakin in hospital work at Point Barrow. We hope to send some one next summer. At so distant a point it is difficult to define exactly the duties such a position requires. They would include, however, charge of the kitchen and dining-room arrangements, general housekeeping and such work as Miss Dakin would assign to an assistant. We would also want this assistant to help in every way she could in the Sunday School and other church activities.

I wish you would write me fully on the following points:

1. Your Christian experience and desire to undertake mission work. We would not want to send any one to that point unless she went out of a purely missionary motive. The privations and isolation are so severe that unless animated by Christian desire to help these neglected people, one would be sure to grow discontented and fail in the work. Some one who takes the attitude that Miss Dakin does would fill the bill exactly.

2. Your age and health. It is important that whoever goes to that rigorous climate should be in the best physical condition.

3. Your experience as housekeeper, cook, etc.

4. Your experience in church work such as teaching Sunday School class, leading young people's meetings, etc.

If you will let me have information on these points we can take the matter up with you more definitely in regard to salary, term of service, travel equipment, etc.

I might say that our plan is to contract with our workers for a term of five years, four years of which are to be spent at Point Barrow, and then one year in this country for rest, and such service to the Board as may be assigned to you under full salary.

Will you let me hear from you at your earliest convenience on these points?

Very sincerely yours,

JAN:ES

February 23 <sup>FEB 27 1922</sup> 1922.

My dear Dr. Marquis:-

In regard to my application as assistant in the hospital work at Point Barrow, I wish to say that I am a member of the Harlem - New York Presbyterian Church the same church from which Miss Kassin left.

I came to Chicago in the employ of the Methodist Board, where they transferred the lantern slide Department a year ago. My work is with the photographic illustrations for lectures. My position has



enabled me to meet many of the missionaries and we all feel that the pictures are an education.

I worked in the Italian Mission on Morris Avenue for four years, when the old New York Church was working up there. I always have had a longing to do some vital work: so with Miss Dakin asking me - I really feel that it is a definite call.

I feel very well but - I realize that it would be necessary for me to take a physical examination. My age is thirty-nine.

I have had considerable house-keeping experience, having helped mother and after her death I took care of the home for several years. Miss Dakin has been in our home many times and I feel that her knowledge of my work has led her to call upon me.

I am teaching a junior class in the Methodist Sunday School; most of my friends attend this church and I live directly opposite otherwise I presume I would be teaching in Mr. Stone's. I taught in our Sunday School at home.

Some years ago - I was quite active in Christian Endeavor work

but not recently, however - I would love  
to help with the young folks work. I  
think it would be fine to teach them  
sewing too.

If there is anything you would  
care to have me explain more fully  
I shall be glad to do so, meantime  
I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

Very Sincerely,  
Eloise E. Bullen Camp

210 East Erie St.  
Chicago, Ill.



February 23, 1922.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Spence,  
725 Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Spence:

I returned from Pittsburgh this morning and find your letter written yesterday. I am exceedingly glad to hear from both of you. We miss your daily visits to the office very much. Last Tuesday I had to go to bed with the flu, but was able to get out by Saturday and then went to Pittsburgh and back this morning.

I congratulate you both on your work for Barrow. Mr. Banks is keeping account of the pledges you are sending in from time to time. I think the results from Drs. Calhoun's and Bronson's churches are very good indeed. I take it from what you say that the amount Mrs. Bronson will be able to give in memory of her sister is not yet determined.

The salary of the second nurse will be that, I presume, of Miss Dakin, namely, \$900, and her living. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$600 to get her to Barrow, making a total of \$1,500 that we ought to raise this year.

In regard to the housekeeper, we have an application from a very good woman who is a warm personal friend of Miss Dakin's, namely, Miss Eloise E. Bullenkamp of Chicago, formerly of the same church in New York as Miss Dakin. She has been in Christian work a long time and has the right missionary motive. She understands housekeeping management and I am much attracted by the recommendations so far received. I am somewhat at a loss to know what salary to offer her, but I presume it ought not to be far from that of Miss Dakin, which, in that case, would mean we ought to raise \$1,500 for her salary for the first year and expenses to Barrow.

All the people of the Board here would want to be remembered to you very cordially did they know I am writing.

With warmest assurances of our prayer and regard for you both, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

JAMES

P.S. Have you finished checking the requisition sheets sent by Dr. Greist as yet? When you have finished with them will you please return them in order that we may begin ordering the goods?

725 Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Monday February 27, 1922.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

Dr. Spence and I came to Philadelphia last Friday, the change made us almost homesick as we miss those at "156."

Dr. wishes me to write you about our first Sunday - yesterday.

In the morning we were with Rev. John Calhoun at his Sunday School and morning service.

Dr. was in the large mens bible class and I in three departments of the Sunday School where we talked about Barron. Dr. spoke in the morning church service.

The financial result was a promise of \$135.00 to be sent to Mr. Banks for the "second nurse," for Barron.



2.

In the afternoon Mr. O. H. Bronson came for us with an auto. and took us first to "Roslyn Chapel" where Dr. and I spoke about the great worth, its hospital etc. The financial result is to be a "share" (\$10.00) or more, and a desire to "adopt" permanently some part of the Barrow aids.

In the evening we were with Mr. Bronson at his Carmel Presbyterian Church to the Christian Endeavors and evening service. He was in Dr. and Mrs. Bronson's home and Mrs. Bronson said she would like to give, in memory of a dear sister, what is over \$600.00 for the salary of the "second nurse".

With that \$300.00 from Tioga for Miss Perkins salary (her Harlem Church pays all her salary)

and what has been <sup>3.</sup>promised  
and sent in since you said  
there might be another cure.  
we thought it would surely  
cost up to \$500.00 and if  
Mrs. Bronson gives enough to  
finish the \$900. we feel - with  
your permission - we can  
begin on the money for the  
house-keeper - The ministers  
and their people were kind  
to us and we felt we had  
had a very good day yesterday

We would like to know if  
the business part of this  
letter is correct and meets  
with your approval.

We hope to see Dr. King tomorrow

Sincerely:-

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Spence  
Our cordial greetings to all at  
156-5th Avenue.



March 7, 1922.

Miss Eloise E. Bullenkamp,  
210 East Erie Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Miss Bullenkamp:

Will you pardon my delay in replying to your letter of February 23rd? I was down with the flu when it came and when I was able to be out again I had to go on a speaking tour for the Board to Pittsburgh and Cleveland, and I have just got back.

Your letter is quite satisfactory and Dr. Evans, your pastor here, commends you most highly for the position. We are, therefore, ready to appoint you as housekeeper and general helper in the Point Barrow mission. You will understand that in a place so remote and where there is such a variety of things to do it is not easy to definitely and accurately define any one's task. From all I have learned about you I am sure you will do as Miss Dakin does, fit yourself into the circumstances there and be ready to take a hand at anything that will help the good work along. Miss Dakin is superintendent of the hospital and of course you will fit yourself into her plans and work with her as she directs.

In regard to the salary, terms, etc., I am enclosing a contract similar to the one Miss Dakin signed when she went up. It includes the following items:

1. The Board will pay you \$720 a year salary (probably monthly, to whomever you may designate).
2. It will furnish your living while you are there—that is, board, room, and the usual equipment that goes with a missionary hospital.
3. We will pay your way entirely to the field and back to this country provided you remain four years.
4. At the end of four years we will give you a year on full salary in this country, for rest and study, with the understanding that the Board may call on you to make addresses, teach classes now and then about Point Barrow. At the end of five years you are to elect whether you will return to Point Barrow or not. If you decide to return your expenses will be paid in returning to the field and the same arrangement for another four years of service, with the fifth year of furlough, will be entered into.

On your part you agree,

1. To accept the position of general housekeeper and helper in the hospital and mission, under the direction of Miss Dakin.
2. To remain on the field for four years (unless your health should break absolutely and demand an early return).
3. That during your fifth year of furlough in this country you will



be willing to help the Board in its educational program in behalf of Point Barrow. This provision, let me say, is not regarded as absolutely binding on you. For example, Miss Dakin thought she could not make a speech at all, and we may not call on her when she comes down to do so except to talk to an individual now and then. Your chief task during the fifth year would be to rest and possibly take some course of study to further equip you for your work.

In regard to the things that you will need there, I would prefer that some time before you go, or before your equipment would be provided, you talk to Dr. and Mrs. Spence. They will be going through Chicago I think in April or May, and I will then arrange for them to see you. Your hospital uniform, and so on, would be just about what they are here. Furthermore, your clothing for your inside work would be about the same as in any hospital in this country. In addition to this you would need a reindeer skin suit or two for your outings in the winter time. The best plan would be for you to get that made after you reach Barrow.

Now, permit me to say a word or two about the general situation there and some preparation of mind to meet it. For one thing, Point Barrow is one of the most isolated spots in the world. You will only receive two or three mails during the year. Your white companionship would be altogether with the other mission workers, a trader now and then, and the school teachers -- all of which means that you will be very much isolated during the period of your four years' service there. Furthermore, the climate is exceedingly cold, although healthy. I am told that diseases do not flourish there and that our missionaries all enjoy good health while there, unless they expose themselves too much during the blizzards that come in the winter time, which Dr. Spence did. Many of the things that you enjoy here in the way of fresh vegetables you cannot have there as the ground never thaws more than six inches during the summer, and about the only thing that grows is the rough tundra grass on which the reindeer feed. Furthermore, you know there is from three to four months of night during the winter when the sun never rises. In summer, of course, you will have the same length of time of continuous daylight; as Point Barrow is several hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle, it is in the land of the midnight sun.

I am saying all these things in order that you may be fully advised before you go as to what you must meet there. It would be a great regret to me to have a missionary go so far away and feel that she had not been fully informed about the conditions she is to meet. If, however, you have been in correspondence with Miss Dakin, she has doubtless told you of the conditions.

Now, my dear Miss Bullenkamp, let me say in conclusion that we are anxious to have you go there and will support you in every way that we can at so long a distance. If you decide to accept the appointment, then sign the enclosed contract and return it to me. We will begin your salary when you leave this country, which will probably be from the middle to the last of June some time.

Will you also go to your physician, if you have one in Chicago, tell him the whole story, and have him examine you and report to us. If it should be that you would come to New York before leaving then we would want our physician here, who examined Miss Dakin, to examine you also and pass on your physical fitness for the life in that climate. From all you say, however, I have no doubt that you are able to stand the conditions there so far as your health and strength are concerned.

Please be free to write us any questions or queries that may be in your mind about the whole matter. Take time to think and pray over it and then let us know.



Do you know of a Christian nurse of the type of Miss Dakin and yourself who would want to go to assist Miss Dakin in the hospital nursing? If you know of any such I wish you would advise me at once. We would not want any one to go except out of a missionary impulse. A missionary desire and spirit is fundamental to the qualifications as a nurse. We want missionaries first and nurses afterwards. If you should know of any such one I will be glad to be put in touch with her. It does not make any difference what Protestant church she belongs to. We do not insist that she be a Presbyterian by any means, but we do insist on Christian devotion and a missionary spirit.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

P.S. Will you please sign both the enclosed contracts, keeping one for yourself and returning the other to us? Also please fill in the date on which you signed the contract in the blank spaces on the last line.

MAR 9 1922

HARLEM-NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FREDERICK WALTER EVANS, D. D., PASTOR  
MT. MORRIS PARK WEST AND 122ND STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

March 8th, 1922.

The Rev. John Marquis, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Miss Eloise Bullenkamp who has applied for the position as housekeeper at Point Barrow is a member of our church and a good friend of Miss Florence Dakin, the nurse who has gone from our church. I am delighted to hear that she has applied for this position. She has a splendid Christian character and a disposition that makes and retains friends. My feeling is that the Board will make no mistake in appointing her and that it is to be congratulated upon the possibility of securing her.

May I say as the minister of the Harlem-New York Church, if she receives the appointment, I shall be inspired by the consciousness that our church has two such splendid representatives in the far North.

Cordially yours,

*Frederick W. Evans*



MAR 25 1922

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1922.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

Would it be possible to let me know just when Mr. and Mrs. Spence expect to be in Chicago? - I am planning to go home to New-York about the first of May to be examined by

my family physician. It may  
be that they would still be in  
New York, or perhaps by my  
waiting a day or so - I could  
see them here.

I shall hold the contracts  
until - I go to New York, then I  
will call at your office.



-I had an examination here  
by a Dr. Barrett who was recom-  
mended to me, which -I do not  
think was very thorough.

-Trusting that this plan meets  
with your approval, -I am,

Very Sincerely,

Eric E. Bullen

211 E. Erie Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

March 27, 1922.

Miss Eloise E. Bullenkamp,  
210 E. Erie Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Miss Bullenkamp:

Your letter has just come and the plan that you outline is satisfactory except that we ought to know definitely soon whether or not you will accept the position, in case your health permits you. When I wrote you before I had it in mind that you would come to some definite decision by April 1st.

Dr. and Mrs. Spence will probably reach Chicago either the first or second week of May. Dr. Spence, being a physician, I would like to have him go over you and give us his judgment about your physical capacity to endure the climate. If it is just as convenient for you to wait until Dr. Spence comes to Chicago, it will be satisfactory to us. If, however, your plans are made to come East on the 1st of May we will have our physician here give you the same examination he did Miss Dakin. Will you kindly let us know at your early convenience whether or not you have made up your mind to go in case your physical examination is favorable, which I doubt not will be the case? We have another applicant for the position in case you decline it.

I hope you will decide to cast in your lot with us and undertake that important work in distant Barrow.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

P. S. Dr. Spence's headquarters while in Chicago will be with the Rev. Henry Seymour Brown, D. D., 17 North State Street, who is superintendent of Home Missions in the city of Chicago. You might call him up to find out exactly when Dr. and Mrs. Spence will be there and get the name of the place where they are stopping.



April 7, 1922.

Dr. F. H. Spence,  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Altamont Hotel, Utah Place & Lanvale Street,  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Spence:

We thought we had just the woman for housekeeper at the hospital at Barrow, but a letter received this morning says that some family complications have arisen and it is very doubtful whether she can go or not. We were exceedingly anxious to have her go because she is a personal friend of Miss Dakin's and has had a good deal of experience in such work.

We have also not yet succeeded in getting a second nurse who answers the requirements of the position. We have plenty of applicants, but the missionary impulse is lacking, and I think you will agree with me that unless a nurse were to go there out of love for Christ and a genuine desire to serve, she had better not go at all.

I am writing to you to ask that in your speaking engagements you mention the need for these two positions and report to me any inquiries you may have in regard to them. I am sure you will not fail to impress upon them the fundamental necessity of the missionary spirit as well as ability in nursing. They will go as missionaries first and as nurses second.

I trust you and Mrs. Spence have both been well and that things are going well for you and for Barrow, through you. I shall always be glad to hear from you and to know how you fare.

With warmest regards to you both, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

APR 7 - 1922

April 5, 1922.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

Allow me to explain my delay in writing to you. There has been a change in conditions at home which I thought might be overcome. A cousin of mine has disappeared, leaving a little girl of twelve years. I had hoped for his return or for some light. The care of the child



Very Sincerely  
Eloise E. Bullen Camp

210 East Erie Street  
Chicago, Ill.

will fall to me, financially at least.  
at present she is with a relative,  
this woman is ill and if she recovers  
soon I believe the little girl may remain  
with her.

So you see I have been waiting for  
developements.

The contracts have been signed for  
some time, but under present conditions  
it will be impossible to give you my  
word just now. I will write just as  
soon as I learn anything definite.

April 7, 1922.

Miss Eloise E. Bullenkamp,  
210 East Erie Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Miss Bullenkamp:

We are all very much disappointed that you are not able to give us a definite decision about Point Barrow. I was especially anxious to have you qualify on account of your acquaintance with Miss Dakin.

I am writing now to ask if you could set a time when you would be able to answer definitely. Is the relative of the little girl who is ill troubled with an acute or chronic difficulty? If the former, is it not probable that you will soon be able to determine whether or not she is going to recover? In the meantime we will make inquiries for some one else and also ascertain whether some of the other applicants are still open for approach on the question.

Hoping for the best and sympathizing with you in your difficulty, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES



APR 18 1922

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1922.

Dear Mr. Marquis:-

There has been no light upon the mystery of my cousin's disappearance. The lady who has the little girl is better and I do not believe the trouble will become chronic, however, the financial responsibility will rest upon me until the father resumes it. I am still hoping.

I realize that it is impossible for you to wait until I go home, so perhaps it is wiser to tell you now, that I am in receipt of a letter from my physician in New York, in which he says, "After reading Hudson Stuck's book, I feel that I have no right to say you are fit to undertake all this, - I am afraid you would break under it and I would feel more or less responsible, as you know your lungs were very weak at one time. I feel that your general health reserve would not "carry" you through."

My intention was to have Mr. Whitney, my physician, examine me when I went to New York, then if he would pass me I would not need to tell you of this.

I should like to do this and I believe that if the Lord is willing, things will clear up or ways be opened so that if the vacancy is not filled to your satisfaction I may go.

Will you let me know whether you have or have not accepted the other applicant.



I regret all of this delay and I do hope that the work at Barrow will not suffer through it.

-I have just received a letter from Miss Lakin telling me all about Christmas; they had a glorious time and -I should love to have had a part in it.

Very Sincerely

Eloise E. Bullen Camp

210 East Erie Street

Chicago, Ill.

APR 11 1922

Baltimore, Md. April 10, 1922.

Rev. J. A. Marquis, D. D.  
156 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marquis:-

Your letter of April 7th was received Saturday. I took it at once to Rev. Jas. J. Coale and asked him if a nurse could not be found in Baltimore. He telephoned to Mrs. Phinney, the wife of the leading surgeon in Johns Hopkins. Mrs. Phinney promised to make inquiry and let him know.

Rev. Coale also suggested Mrs. Spence and I visit the Presbyterian Training School of which he is superintendent and suggested the name of Miss Cora Reid of 1002 Madison Ave, Baltimore, Md a young lady of 21 years whom he thought might do as house-keeper.

We met Miss <sup>Cora</sup> Reid and also a friend of hers, Miss Dorothea M. Reid of 904 E. Madison St. Baltimore who might possibly do as a nurse though she is not a graduate nurse. Both young ladies are writing you. They were quite enthusiastic about going together, as they have been great friends here. Miss Dorothy is 30 years of age. My only question is as to whether Dr. Greist would be satisfied with one who is not a graduate nurse.

We understand there are about fifteen Student Volunteer trained nurses in Johns Hopkins and about twenty five medical student Volunteers.

I spoke yesterday in Babcock Memorial and put this up to Dr. F. H. Huffman and he has promised to follow it up. It has also been suggested to me that Rev. G. A. Hulbert of Brown Memorial, whose address is 1316 Park Ave, Baltimore would have some influence with Dr. Phinney in finding a trained nurse. It seems to me it might help if you would write to Dr. Hulbert. We go to Washington this morning and will see if any thing can be developed there.

Cordially,

F. H. Spence



April 18, 1922.

Miss Eloise E. Bullenkamp,  
210 East Erie Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Bullenkamp:

Your letter is just here. We have not as yet found any one who meets our idea of what is needed at Point Barrow. I have told the other applicant that we could not take her. Some others have applied, but none of them are as satisfactory as you. We will continue our search for some one,, but in the meantime if the way should open for you to go, and we have not already contracted with any one else, will you please let us know?

So far as the effect of the climate there on your lungs is concerned, I do not think the physician need hesitate. If he bases his judgment on Archdeacon Stuck's book I do not wonder that his advice would be adverse. However, you will take no such trips as Archdeacon Stuck did with his dog-sled, but will be in the hospital and out practically only for recreation. However, this is a matter for the physician and you to determine. If you should decide you could go we would want you to be examined by more than one physician before commissioning you.

Hoping the way may open for you to join Miss  
Dakin, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES



APR 19 1922

Cleveland, Ohio, April 17, 1922..

Rev. J. A. Marquis, D. D.  
156 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Marquis:-

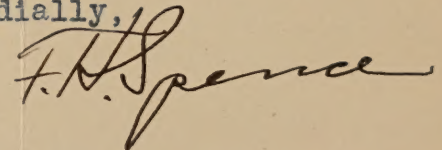
As soon as we arrived in Washington I brought the attention of Mrs. Fredrick I. Miller of 1223 Girard St. to the fact of the great need of a second nurse for Barrow. She put me in touch with Miss. Estelle M. Dermitt, 1939 17th St. I presume before this you have received a letter from Miss. Dermitt.

The last evening we were in Washington we took dinner with the father and mother of Dr. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly promised to write you what she knew of Miss. Dermitt, who is a trained nurse of five years experience since graduation.

I think in my previous letter I referred you to Rev. James J. Coale in regard to the two young women in Baltimore whose names I sent you. I have hoped also you may have heard in some way from Dr. or Mrs. Phinney of Johns Hopkins University of some available nurse from that institution.

I shall make enquiries here but feel the time is short and am hoping you have already found some one, though I shall continue to look for a nurse and house keeper until I hear you have them both.

Cordially,



When we were in New York we spoke in the Teachers Training School on Twentieth St. near Madison and if I remember right there was one girl about to graduate as a nurse this spring. Perhaps she might be available if all the others fail.



May 4, 1922.

Rev. F. H. Spence, M. D.,  
c/o Rev. Henry S. Brown, D. D.,  
17 North Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Spence:

Your letter to Dr. King has just come and I am much interested in the churches to which you have been speaking in Pennsylvania, especially Johnstown, Blairsville and Greensburg. My first charge was in Greensburg and I taught in an old seminary in Blairsville for two years after I was out of college. I am glad you have had opportunity to meet the good people there.

I have a letter from Mr. Riddle of the Westminster Church of Greensburg recommendig a nurse. Yesterday, however, we signed signed a contract with a Miss Augusta Mueller to go as second nurse to Barrow. She is a good Christian girl and is eager for mission work. She is only twenty-three years of age, which is younger than I would like, but her other training and her missionary impulses are such that I felt we could risk her youth. So you need not make any further search to get a second nurse. We have not as yet secured a housekeeper and if you will continue your efforts in that direction, I shall be glad. None of the people you have mentioned in your letters have yet made applications or written to me in any way.

I trust that you and Mrs. Spence have both been well since we saw you and I am looking forward to the pleasure of greeting you again at the General Assembly.

With every good wish to you both, I am

Very sincerely yours

JAM:MEL.



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